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Ascension Sunday **'Study Text' Not for Liturgy** Yr A Acts 1:1-11



"Certainly, O Theophilus, I composed the first discourse about everything that Jesus began to do and to teach, instructing the Apostles, whom he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, even until the day on which he was taken up. He also presented himself alive to them, after his Passion, appearing to them throughout forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God with many elucidations. And dining with them, he instructed them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but that they should wait for the Promise of the Father, "about which you have heard," he said, "from my own mouth. For John, indeed, baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit, not many days from now." Therefore, those who had assembled together questioned him, saying, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom of Israel?" But he said to them: "It is not yours to know the times or the moments, which the Father has set by his own authority. But you shall receive the power of the Holy Spirit, passing over you, and you shall be witnesses for me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the ends of the earth." And when he had said these things, while they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. And while they were watching him going up to heaven, behold, two men stood near them in white vestments. And they said: "Men of Galilee, why do you stand here looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, shall return in just the same way that you have seen him going up to heaven."

*Catholic Public Domain Version, Original Edition. Ronald L. Conte Jr., translator and editor.  
[https://www.sacredbible.org/catholic/NT-01\\_Acts.htm](https://www.sacredbible.org/catholic/NT-01_Acts.htm)*

***From "Sonnet 25: My love is like the sky.."***

*By Andrew Fairchild*

*My Love is like the Sky, a wind of dreams,  
Like trailing Heav'n her garment covers me,  
Stars line her cloak, her sword's not what it seems,  
It's limned with lightning, she pulls it from a tree!*

*.....  
Her lips, always, and never, to be kissed.  
Beneath her softshod feet, angels press up,  
And keep her from the burden of the earth,  
From Paraclete Dove, comes the proffered cup,  
Engilded, and enjeweled with gems of mirth  
As bright as sun that shines on fields of snow,  
From thence, drinks, smiles, and makes the  
darkness go.*

***"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of  
God is the heart of a mother He creates"***

*Saint Therese of Lisieux*

*The parents of St Theresa (The Little Flower) are  
also saints – St Louis & St Zelig Martin, Pray for us!*

**IN THE WORD  
WITH BISHOP MEDLEY**

4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of month 1:30 St Pius Parish Hall  
For more info, Contact [Ed-edwardgeorgen@gmail.com](mailto:Ed-edwardgeorgen@gmail.com)

**St. Pius X Mass Schedule**

† **Weekend Mass**

Saturday- 4:30 pm

Sunday- 10:00 am

† **Daily Mass**

Tuesday – 6:00 pm

Wednesday-8:00 am

Thursday-8:00 am

Friday-8:00 am

Confessions: Tues 5:30 pm & Sat 3:30pm

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**Daily Scripture Readings**

*Ascension Sunday May 17, 2026*

*Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20*

*Monday Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33*

*Tuesday Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a*

*Wednesday Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19*

*Thursday Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26*

*Friday Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19*

*Saturday Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25*

**Steps of Lectio Divina**

1. *Read – Read through it.*
2. *Reflect – Slowly consider it.*
3. *Respond – What does it say?*
4. *Rest – Contemplate, Deep Prayer*

**St. Anthony of Padua Masses**

† **Weekend Mass**

Sunday- 8:00 am

† **Daily Masses**

Wednesday-9:00 am

Friday-9:00 am

*Eucharist Adoration-First Friday 9:00 am*

*First Saturday of Month Mass 8:00 am*

*Visit our website*

**[www.stanthonygrandrivers.org](http://www.stanthonygrandrivers.org)**

**Weekly Online Mass Sunday -10:00 am** *We still Live Stream on FB:* Facebook at: St. Pius X & St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Churches

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**Parish Office Hours**

*Tuesday -- Thursday*

*9:00 am-2:00 pm*



Pastor's Study  
Desk Notes



Dear St Anthony & St Pius Families,

Ascension Sunday

Acts 1:1-11

Happy Ascension Sunday! Usually I reflect upon the gospel reading here, but for the Feast of the Ascension in this Year A (Matthew) of our reading cycle, the end of Matthew's gospel doesn't tell much of Christ's ascension. It insinuates the Ascension, by Jesus' double command of both 1) commissioning the apostles, *sending them forth to all the world* in His name and His 2) assuring them that He would *always remain with them* in some form. But, it does not recount specific details of Jesus' rising in glory to the Father's right hand. (Of course, if each apostle is sent to all different parts of world, then for Jesus to be with each of them (and everyone in fact), then His presence must be in 'Spirit' not fixated in any 'One Place' but everywhere. So yes, Matthew implies the Ascension event, without specifically describing it, much like John 20:17 does too, where John simply has Jesus mention 'returning to the Father - post Easter. Mark 16:19 does specifically mention Jesus 'being taken up'. Yet, of all the gospel writers, Luke (in Gospel and Acts) Luke provides the fullest account of the event of the Ascension. In Luke 24:50-53, Jesus leads the disciples out of the city, blessing them and then He is 'taken up'. And in Acts 1:1-12, Luke clarifies that Jesus remained 40 days after the resurrection with the apostles to further 'teach' them about the Kingdom of God, before being taken up in a cloud. This Acts account is our first reading today, so I thought I would reflect upon it for a while with you.

*(Note that Ephesians 4:8-10, & 1 Timothy 3:16 also imply the Ascension of Jesus in glory).*

So, what happened at the Ascension? Well, Acts 1:3 says that in the span of time from his Resurrection until his Ascension, Jesus appeared to them frequently offering further proofs of his presence but also teaching further in depth about *the Kingdom*. In their final session on a walk to Mt Olivet, just before He ascended in the cloud, an apostle asked, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:6) Well, Jesus IS the Kingdom of God in Person, and Jesus came TO the world, all of it, and not to any one location or place. Israel may be the epicenter from which the Kingdom spreads to all the world, but it holds no monopoly on God's Kingdom presence anymore.

I want to point out that Jesus likes movement and journeying! Literally, He starts a 'movement' (*all through Luke & Acts, the gospel is constantly on the move - Both are 'journey books' & recall that Jesus was called 'The Way!' Jn 14:6*) A classic example of this movement is the story of the apostolic encounter on the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-32). And what happens in today's reading? Well, one of the apostles had asked Jesus if He was restoring the Kingdom TO Israel? Jesus doesn't say anything about setting up a base there, or settling down there at all. Jesus seems to say 'No'. There's nothing special or permanent about that place (*in fact, from Adam on, all the holy patriarchs have been on the 'move' with God - Didn't Jesus say that the 'Son of Man' has nowhere to lay his head? Lk 9:58*) After Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension, what is Israel? What is Jerusalem? Jesus responds to the apostles that they are to start witnessing to the Kingdom, 1) first to Jerusalem, then 2) to Judea (the surrounding region outward), then 3) to Samaria (the further surrounding region outward) and then 4) to all the 'ends of the earth' (Acts 1:8)

So, when asked if Israel-Jerusalem would be restored 'as' Kingdom, Jesus says 'Start witnessing there' but then move on to greater Judea, then on to Samaria, then on to the whole world. So, where is the kingdom? Not in Israel! That is passed. I recall when Jesus told the woman at the well (Jn 4:21, 23), that 'the day is coming, {*and is now here*-23}, when you will worship the Father *neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem....* for true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth." *Jesus is the Presence of God*-Dwelling Place of God. Jesus reminds us that with Him, "There is something **greater than the Temple** here" (Matt 12:6) *Jesus IS the Temple!* Jesus is telling His apostles, that He will be present *everywhere* through His witnessing believers after His return in Spirit at Pentecost (they are 'Temples of His Spirit' (1 Cor 6:19) And we Catholics believe Jesus' return in Spirit is His 'Real Presence' among us, the Body of Christ. The Kingdom Present is Jesus Himself. Anytime His Spirit is invoked and His Word embodied, He manifests the Kingdom (We call that Holy Eucharist- Sacrament of His Presence!) Every Mass makes Him present among us, and He remains in us on mission as we go forth in His Name to share His life with others (the world). Jesus Himself is the True Holy Ground, wherever He is! Blessings and Peace, Fr Brian

**Pius X Parish Council Meeting** July 15 @ 5:00 pm

Chair Person, Secretary & Finance, Spiritual Life, FFY & Religious Ed  
Social Program/Outreach, Building & Ground Comttees

Barb Melillo, Stacey Newby, Philip Scheidegger, Amanda Gentry, Allison Devine, Karen Williams, Ed Georgan

**Bible Study -Early Church History Book Study/Discussion**

*Every Tuesday Night from 6:30-7:30pm* Come study this interesting approach and discussion of the week's scripture and uniqueness of each gospel according to Dr Brant Pitre's work.

St Pius X Mass Intentions May 18 – May 24		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Mary Virginia/Festus/John Krebs
Wednesday	8:00 am	Special Intention
Thursday	8:00 am	Patricia Hartman
Friday	8:00 am	Russell Tomlinson
Saturday	4:30 pm	Paula Kay Greer
Sunday	10:00am	Michael Bowling
WEEKLY DONATIONS		
Parish Hall Donation (5/10/26)	\$	110.00
Budget for 2025/2026 Fiscal Year	\$	205,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$	3,942.00
Weekly Donation (5/10/26)	\$	2,775.00
Online Giving (5/10/26)	\$	1,690.00
Total Week's Gift Offering 5-10	\$	4,465.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$	244,996.87

**Funeral for Vittorio N. "Victor" Melillo**  
 Monday May 18 – Visitation at St Pius Church from 10:30 am to noon & Funeral Mass at 12 Noon.  
 Please come and support Barbara and all the family with your prayers & presence, thru this difficult time

Women's Spirituality Grp Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Mass  
 Men's Bible Study Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Mass



**2026 CAMP SCHEDULE**

GRADES	DATES	CAMP
3RD-4TH	JUNE 14-17	EXPLORER
5TH-6TH	MAY 31-JUN 5	EXPEDITION
7TH-8TH	JUNE 8-10	QUEST

**Remain in Me Online Book Study**  
 Come, join Dan Burke, author/founder of Avila Institute Spiritual Formation, for a free live online book study of Fr Wayne Sattler's book Remain in Me. Begins April 25th, 8:00 – 9:30 am CT every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of month, Registration link: [www.spiritualdirection.com/bookstudy](http://www.spiritualdirection.com/bookstudy) or to buy hardcopy, please contact sponsor St Maximilian Kolbe Books

**Happy Birthday! May 17– May 23 St. Pius**  
 May 19 Nikki Doughty      May 20 Brenda Georgen  
 May 20 Jeff Riedfort      May 20 Kathy Doughty  
 May 21 Lindsey Dixon      May 22 Patty Robertson  
 May 23 Bette Zilligen  
**Happy Anniversary! St. Pius**  
 May 20      Darrow & Jeana Orlandi  
 May 22      Phillip & Amanda Scheidegger  
 May 22      Marcus & Teresa Newman

St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, May 23, 2026				
Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers / Greeters	Money Counters
Franky Schiaretta Marlie Schiaretta	Dawn Whitt	Amy Crass Jeff Riedfort Charlotte Riedfort	George Humphreys (Greeter) Paula Humphreys (Greeter)	
Mass Assignments: Sunday, May 24, 2026				
Gavin Devine Harrison Shupe	Philip Scheidegger	Allison Devine Marcus Newman Teresa Newman	Margaret Howard Gary Traylor Usher Volunteer	Jan Waniel Jean Waniel

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**Remember our Sick in Your Prayers**  
**St. Pius X:** Beck Martin, Kaira Legendre, Sean Fusco, Allie Marie, Zsigray, Dina Funderburk, Matt Scheiber, Christine Thornton, Florine Daigle, Angie Farris, Pat Hobbs, Kathy Sanderson, Greg Williams, Judy Ayers, Keisha Bradley Iris Joelle Maynard, Sara Repovich, Amanda Scheidegger, Olga Edwards, Diane Fischer Paula Willett, Kent & Kim Henry, Leah Vincek, Rick Wilson, Ashley Hayden, David Crass, Helen Nicholson, Bonita Walker, Joe Hedges, Jerry Wade, Katie Wood, Joanna Grimes, Amanda Bailey, Pam Laibl, David Kroll, Henry Feezor, Lisa Hammond, Bennett Meisenheimer, Mike Norvell, Dora Miller, Miller Meisenheimer, Michelle Freeman, Joann Najgebauer, Johnny Poe, Joel Rivera, Carol Ross, Lonnie Vogler, Brenda Waitke, Gary Walters, Andrew Walton, Dawn Williams, Wilma Lejuene, Lori Butler, Isabella Hamilton, Dr. Danny Butler, Cameron Richmond, Brad Longworth, Helen Bennett, Catherine Broks, Stacy Newby, Bette Zilligen, Ric Vaughn, Betty Derry, Scott Hamilton, Connie Burt, Ericka Karpstein, Joanna Cooper, Angel Thompson, Kaye Poyner, Bob Tashjian, Rita Cook, Jack Bender, Don Kemp, Tim Wilson, Kerry Frazier, Rene Harrington, Forrest Teeters, Cameron Brewer, Hugo Santos, Sharon Gibbons, Braydn Barnett, Elizabeth Witowski, Pam Dietz. Anthony Pellegrin.  
**Pray for Our Military** Cameron Thomason, James Griffith, Cory Erickson, Justin Fatum, James A. Kinsey, Sarah Martindale, Benjamin Patton, Kousuke Sasaki,

**St. Anthony Page Announcements**

**Coffee/ Doughnuts 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Every Month**

**Bazaar Crafts Rack Sale:** Check out the new crafts!

**Every Tuesday morning: Our Parish Craft Workshop** is back open. *Helpers needed to work up crafts.* Artistic skills not required. There is something for us all to do!



**Come Join in the Next Lunch Bunch Dinner!**

Come out for May's Lunch Bunch Thursday May 21 at 11:30 am for dinner and game & activity! Main Entrée will be Pork Steaks! Please bring a side vegetable, salad or dessert. And a friend, too

**13 Days Holy Land, Rome Pilgrimage:** Mon, Nov 2 - Sat, Nov 14 with Fr. Bruce Fogle & Fr. Eric Riley. The trip price is \$5,999.00 per person. (Air fare, Hotels, some meals). For more info, call 1-270-554-3810 or [www.nativitypilgrimage.com/holy-land-6016](http://www.nativitypilgrimage.com/holy-land-6016).

**All-Day Adoration on Friday June 6**

St Anthony Church has an all day Eucharistic Adoration every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday from 9:00am – 9:00pm. All are welcome to spend time in prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession available at 9:30am.

**First Saturdays Honor the Blessed Mother:**

First Saturday Mass on June 7 @ 8:00am. Every first Saturday we offer mass and pray the rosary



**St Anthony Birthdays May 17 – May 23**

May 21 Antonio Molina May 22 Joseph Fredrick

**St Anthony Anniversaries:**

May 21 Nick & Jamie Zaim

**St Anthony Wednesday Bible Study**

Come join us every Wednesday at 10:00-11:00 for study of the gospel reading from the Sunday ahead. We'll be reading the text and conducting a form of Lectio Divina & discussing the fruit of our reflection upon God's Word



**St. Anthony of Padua**

**Mass Intentions**

May 18 – May 24

Wednesday	9:00 am	Florence & John Sharkey
Friday	9:00 am	Stella & Joe Wozniak
Saturday	6:00pm	Margie Sheppard
Sunday	8:00 am	Keith Carpenter

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Budget 2024/2025 Fiscal Year (July 2025-June 2026)	\$ 89,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,711.54
Weekly Donation 5/10/2026	\$ 1,331.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 105,797.34



**Food Items Especially Needed:** Saltine Crackers, peanut butter, Hamburger Helper, sugar, cereal, jelly, tuna, salmon, canned fruits, canned vegetables. Other items needed: paper towels, toilet paper, laundry & dish detergent, shampoo (adult & baby), bath soap, diapers, wipes, feminine hygiene products. Collection container is in back of church

**St Anthony Mass Assignments – May 24, 2026**

Lector	Pat Gorbett
Eucharistic Ministers	Sam Rebich Sherry Rebich
Ushers/Greeters	Judy Forsythe Janice Brookshire
Server	Kevin Diesen
Money Counters	Shara Parish Kevin Diamond

**CONSIDER ATTENDING DAILY MASS OR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

**St Anthony Prayer List:** Marylou Truitt, Jane Travelstead, Holly O'Brien, Theresa Owens, Jeff Ritorto, Cathy Ritorto, Betty Gonzalez, Elena Carey, Linda Drury, Bill Rodgers, Bob Tashjian, Mr. Driskill, Pat Gorbett, Imogene Ramey.

**Pray for our Military**

Kevin Rapp, Joel Dumbacher, Matt Elder, Kathleen Erickson, Scott Erickson, Cory Erickson, James A. Kinsey, Jay Lockhart, Sarah Martindale, Devin McFadden, LeAnne Neal, and Kousuke Sasaki.

**Parish Council**

Kevin Diamond	Chair Person
Judy Forsythe	Spiritual Life/ Secretary
Shara Parish	Finance
Kelly Noonan	Building & Ground
David Loxley	Social Concerns/Events
Steve Wilkes	Faith Formation

**Next Meeting June 17 Wed @ 6:00 pm**

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- † **St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month during office hours (9 am-2 pm). Call the office at (270) 395-4727
- † **Bulletin information:** Must be submitted to the office by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Email: [stpiusx@stpiusx.us](mailto:stpiusx@stpiusx.us)